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American Consulting Engineers Council at its 2001 Engineering Excellence Awards here in Washington, D.C. tonight.

Using Aquifer Storage and Recovery technology pioneered by CH2M Hill, Inc., the Oak Creek Water and Sewer Utility will store treated surface water in deep wells in the Sandstone Aquifer, where it will be available in the summer to meet seasonal demands. Use of this technology will allow the utility to cut its annual costs in half.

Oak Creek is on the cutting edge, Mr. Speaker. This new well is the first of its kind in the state, and by all accounts it's been a rousing success, and I'm pleased to be able to commend them today for receiving this honor.

I'm also very proud to announce that the city's water was recently named the best tasting purified water in the world by the judges at the 11th Annual Berkeley Springs International Water Testing Contest.

I want to recognize the hard work of all the staff at Oak Creek Water and Sewer Utility, especially Dan Duchniak, Assistant Manager of the Utility, and former Manager Don Ashbaugh, who are in Washington tonight to receive the award. Kudos as well to Oak Creek Mayor Dale Richards for his leadership in this project.

TRIBUTE TO THE CARROLLTON
LADY HAWKS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Carrollton Lady Hawks who recently won the Illinois High School Association Class A basketball tournament. The Lady Hawks swept the tournament, winning all three games, and brought back their first state championship.

It was a great finish to a near perfect season. The Lady Hawks went an amazing 34-1 this year. They brought a lot of excitement and joy to all those that followed the team. Basketball great Michael Jordan once said, "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships." Every championship is the cumulative effort of each individual player and coach—each striving to be the best they can be—on any given day.

I would like to personally thank everyone on a job well done. To the players: Karen Brannan, Laura Moss, Kaci Graham, Justine Tucker, Kara Gillingham, Katie Nolan, Alicia DeShasier, Emily Pohlman, Dana Carter, Molly Reed, Lauren Steckel, Amber Shelton and Nicole Meyer, I couldn't be more proud of you. I would also like to congratulate the coaches Lori Blade and Donna Farley on a great season. To everyone behind the scenes—the scorer, Elissa Settles; team manager, Courtney Symes; Athletic Director, Greg Pohlman; Principal, Terry Dillard and Superintendent Mike Barry—thanks for your hard work and support of the team.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HELPING SMALL BUSINESS
CLEANERS ADOPT SAFER TECHNOLOGIES

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce—with my colleagues DAVE CAMP of Michigan and DAVID PRICE of North Carolina—a bipartisan legislative approach to pollution prevention for an industry that is struggling to maintain its prosperity in the face of very limited options for environmentally friendly, but costly, cleaning technology.

The legislation we introduced today, The Small Business Pollution Prevention Opportunity Act of 2001, offers a positive alternative for owners of cleaning establishments, workers handling potentially hazardous solvents, as well as dry cleaning consumers. Our public health, the business community and our environment are the eventual winners.

To expedite the adoption of available and viable pollution prevention technologies by new and existing cleaners, we are proposing tax incentives. New and safer cleaning solvents, including but not limited to liquid carbon dioxide, water-based wet cleaning and even ozone, are available to the dry- and wet-cleaners. However, without a tax credit, these newer technologies are out of the financial reach for the tens of thousands of cleaning establishments across the country.

Last Congress, I worked diligently trying to enact similar legislation, and I held a hearing on July 20, 2000 in the House Small Business Committee to explore tax incentives to help small business cleaners adopt safer technologies. After the hearing, I cosponsored the legislation, then offered by Representative DAVE CAMP. This year, as Chairman of the Small Business Committee, I was asked to take the lead on this important legislation. I am pleased that in addition to Representatives CAMP and PRICE, many other representatives, including ROB ANDREWS, TAMMY BALDWIN, RICHARD BURR, RON PAUL, MARK UDALL, JOHN SHIMKUS, DIANA DEGETTE, and JERRY WELLER have joined us in supporting this important bill, that would provide cleaners with a 40-percent tax credit against the cost of pollution prevention cleaning equipment in empowerment zones, enterprise communities, or renewal communities and a 20-percent credit elsewhere.

The 35,000 dry and wet cleaners in this nation are one of the largest independent small business segments in this country. Almost everyone relies on their services from one time or another, and these businesses are centrally located in our communities. Many of us, including myself, did not realize the hazardous and flammable nature of the solvents used to clean our garments. These chemicals can pollute our air and groundwater and, when this happens, it is costs millions of dollars to remediate the contaminated sites left behind. In fact, because of the liability attached to the expensive clean-up costs, many banks across the country are reluctant to make loans to cleaning businesses or unrelated businesses

located nearby or in the same shopping center.

Many of us have read about or seen contaminated sites that have affected the drinking water of unwary citizens and cost the government hundreds of thousands of dollars to clean it up. The U.S. Marines announced last November one of the worst cases of contaminated water supplies ever—caused potentially by a dry cleaner using perchloroethylene (PERC)—that caused unknown diseases to afflict Marines and their families for over two decades. The television station in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, that broke this sad story did a follow-up investigative report on the dry cleaning industry in Wisconsin and reported cause for concern. While the Camp Lejeune situation is reason enough for concern, we in the Congress need to help the military adopt environmentally-friendly cleaning processes and to help commercially available safe systems become more affordable and more accepted.

The small business cleaners in this nation are seeking a path to continue performing a valuable service, making a reasonable profit, and maintaining the public health and safety. Those cleaners who want to switch to safer cleaning systems face financial hurdles and need our help. Their availability of financing for new equipment is limited and their cash flow is not sufficient to spend unwisely. That is why this tax credit is needed and must be enacted.

I encourage my colleagues to join us in this win-win legislative effort where incentives are certain to change behavior faster and more efficiently than regulations, which seek to punish and shut down small businesses.

HONORING CHARLES P. SEXTON
FOR HIS SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2001

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special recognition to my friend and constituent Charles P. Sexton Jr. Charlie Sexton is celebrating his 25th year as an outstanding community leader in Springfield, Pennsylvania.

Charlie Sexton, son of Bernice and Charles Sr., was born March 1st in Ardmore, Pennsylvania. After serving his country valiantly in the United States Marine Corps, Charlie Sexton Jr. followed in his father's footsteps served for seven years as a police officer with the Lower Merion Police Department. Always a strong law and order man, he served with distinction and honor as a uniformed patrol officer.

As a police officer, Charlie gained experience in surveillance, investigation and personal and property protection. In 1975 he took this knowledge to the private sector and founded a family-run business. Since its founding, Foulke Associates has provided its clients with outstanding service and a clear commitment to quality. Today it is one of Delaware County's finest family businesses.

While building his business and raising his family, Charlie found it difficult to ignore his strong political convictions. Tapped early on